

THE CHANGES IN THE CABINET.

The Action by the Republican Caucus.

Why Secretary Seward Tenders his Resignation.

Rumors Relative to Other Members of the Cabinet

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Dec. 20, 1862.
The action of the Republican Caucus by which the resignation of Secretary Seward was precipitated was all but unanimous, twenty-nine out of thirty Senators agreeing on Wednesday to paper requesting the President to "make such changes as should amount to a partial reconstruction" of the Cabinet. The thirtieth Senator, Preston King, from motives of delicacy, did not vote.

It is true that at the first meeting, on Tuesday, a resolution applying to Secretary Seward alone, for which that finally adopted was a substitute, did not meet with the cordial assent of every gentleman present, but the position taken by most, if not all, of those who opposed it, was not so much that Secretary Seward ought to remain in the Cabinet, as that more general change was desirable.

Eight out of the nine members of the Committee selected by the Caucus, who waited upon the President on Thursday evening, were known to be especially in favor of the retirement of Mr. Seward; therefore it was deemed by any one necessary to mention him by name in the resolution of which they were the appointed bearers and expounders.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.—RED-BALLED WALNUT CAN, something new and good, in packages and fancy boxes, for Holiday Presents, at REEDTON's old established Family Medicine Store, No. 10 Astor House, corner B'klyn. E. W. REEDTON, Musician, 5 W' St.

EXAMINING SURGEONS APPOINTED.

The following appointments of Examining Surgeons have been made by the Commissioner of Pen-

sions:

Dr. Samuel Richardson, of Watertown, Mass.; Alfred Lambeth, Springfield, Mass.; Adam C. Drane, Greenfield, Mass.; George C. Lawrence, North Adams, Mass.; Philolet Wright, Lee, Mass.; Edward Boston, Orange, Mass.; Peter Le B. St. Pierre, Chicopee, Mass.; John R. Souier, Newton, N. J.; Wm. Wade, Chelmsford, O.; E. W. Reeder, Wilton, O.; T. Talbot Newark, O.; George W. Simpson, McComb, O.; Samuel Fisher, Westerville, Ind.; Willard Moore, Cynthia, Ind.; D. H. Taylor, Marlborough, Ind.; T. A. Bryan, Xenia, Ill.; Richard B. Benjamin, Riverhead, L. I.

To the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21, 1862.

THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CABINET.

It is ascertained that the Senators who met in caucus last week were pledged to keep their proceedings secret excepting to the President, and that they did with more success than usually attends such deliberations. The Secretary of State, however, soon heard of the proceedings, and promptly tendered his resignation on Friday night.

The Committee from the caucus again visited the President, and remained with him and all the members of his Cabinet (Mr. Seward alone being absent) for more than four hours.

The next day by noon, Secretary Chase sent in his resignation—not merely as a matter of form, but in good faith.

Senator Fessenden and D. S. Dickinson of New-

York are the most prominent among those named for the Secretary of State, and the belief is entertained that the former will soon be tendered the appointment. Speaker Grow will probably be offered a Secretarieship. Many of his friends seem to regard this as nearly certain.

The President, it is known, some time ago, desired Representative Colfax of Indiana to accept the Secretarieship of the Interior, but this gentleman inflexibly declined the honor, owing to the present doubtful political complexion of his district, which in another election might return one of opposite faith.

The impression is general that neither the resignation of Mr. Seward nor that of Mr. Chase has yet been accepted by the President.

It is not known that there was any objection to him on the part of the caucus. The Representatives were in no manner consulted regarding the propriety of the action of the Senators, but no complaints are made by them, there being a general acquiescence in their proceedings. The resolution adopted recommended a partial reconstruction of the Cabinet, which several Senators interpret to mean an ultimate change of programme. Reports are current, but which cannot now be verified, that all the members of the Cabinet have resigned. However this may be, it is believed that none of them will in the least embarrass the Executive in the choice of successors. While some of the Senators insist that all of them shall be undischarged Republicans, others are content to leave the entire matter in the hands of the President, so that he may set at rest to serve the country in its present emergency.

After careful inquiry it is believed the above state-

ment contains all that is trustworthy upon the subject. The resolution which passed the caucus received the unanimous vote of the Senators present.

The Washington Star of yesterday says:

"The situation here is more interesting and exciting, just now than any battle-field, full of horrors, of life and death, as the latter. Wash-

ington is full of rumors concerning the reconstruc-

tion of the Cabinet, none of which are trustworthy.

Half a dozen statesmen, not confidently named, also that Fessenden has been prominently tendered the State Department, but denied, except an anonymous letter, that Mr. Sumner is to be made an additional Cabinet member, and that the Cabinet is to be reconstructed, the example of Mr. Seward. Up to 11 o'clock yesterday the President had not accepted Mr. Seward's resignation, nor had the tender of the State Department to Mr. Fessenden, nor do we believe to any one else. Our efforts to ascertain whether Mr. Seward's colleagues were tendering their resignations have not succeeded. We are unable to learn whether a single man has taken the step. The President has in his own course acted exclusively, that no one has received the highest information concerning his manner in which he proposes to settle the affair.

He is to speculate in the

chance of his being called in to advise.

His name will be brought before the Senate, and if he is to be made an additional member of the Cabinet, he will be called in to advise.

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York. It is stated that if freights are reasonable, and there are no unnecessary delays on the Isthmus, a large freighting business will be done on this line.

The steamer Oregon has arrived from Mazatlan, bringing \$10,000 in treasure and eighty sacks of silver from various mines in Sonora and Chihuahua for testing.

SALE OF WORKS OF ART.—Messrs. Miner and Son will sell at auction, this afternoon at Parsons, with full price-terms and \$6000 in premium for New York, and \$1000 for Boston.

The steamer Freeman will sail on Monday.

The market is generally dull. Large parcels of raw silk are being quoted at 25 cents per pound.

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EARLY-TEADING MOVEMENT.—The Retail Dry Goods Trade Association, of New York, on Dec. 19, voted to establish a branch of the Association in the city of Philadelphia, U. S., to be known as the Philadelphia, U. S., Branch of the Association. The Association has been pleased to order that these branches be supplied with a local material for the clients for whom they were destined.

CAPTURE OF A PRIZE.

The Navy Department has been informed by Lieutenant-Commander English, of the Sashay, that he recently captured the schooner by George, from Nassau, New-Providence, with an asserted cargo of coffee, salt, etc., and sent her to Key West.

ORDERS RESTORING DISMISSED OFFICERS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Adj'tant-General's Office, 3 Washington, Dec. 16, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, NO. 163.—So much of "General Orders," No. 163, of Nov. 21, 1862, as dismisses Capt. Hollis G. Smith, of the U. S. Army, from the service of the U. S. Army, is hereby restored, and it is ordered that those documents be supplied by a local material for the clients for whom they were destined.

By order of the Secretary of War.

E. D. TOWNSEND, Adj'tant-General.

Fatal Railroad Accident.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21, 1862.

The "Owl train," due in the city at 11 o'clock, did not arrive until 11 o'clock a. m., having been driven off the track between Camden and the Raritan. Two men were killed while holding the switches. The coupling with the locomotive broke, and several lives would probably have been lost.

READER, you can have an enduring, always ready, and reliable Gold Pen, exactly adapted to your hand and style of writing, which will satisfy your taste and desire. If you want it, call on A. MORRISON, No. 25 Maiden Lane, or inquire stamp for circular.

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For Christmas and New Year, and for skating at JONES', No. 537 Broadway.

LADIES' ANKLETS.—Protecting from the cold and wet—very ornamental. Indispensable to sisters.

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Nest, warm, and comfortable for ladies, Gentlemen, Misses, and Boys.

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MILTON, No. 307 Canal-st.

INDIA-RUBBER GLOVES cure Chapped Hands, Soft Gloves, &c., and render them soft, smooth, and shiny. See advertisement under Dry Goods.

THE PALMER ARM AND LEG.—H. FRANCIS PARKER, Inventor and Patentee, Attestor (ground floor), N. Y. Also, Philadelphia and Boston. Only houses of Parker & Co. could be supplied by calling on the Inventor.

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The Rev. Wm. H. MURPHY will deliver his Lecture on "The Christian Catacombs of Rome," will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, on MONDAY EVENING, Dec. 22, 1862, at 8 o'clock, for the benefit of St. Timothy's Episcopal Free Church. The Lecture will be illustrated by Photographic Slides, and will be preceded by a short Address by Dr. W. H. MURPHY, and followed by a Question-and-Answer Session.

The Rev. W. H. MURPHY will be present to take Tickets.

The Rev. HENRY WINTER DALES, Rev. DR. LATRICK, Rev. HENRY WARD BECHER, and others will be present.

Rev. SEYMOUR, Gov. SPURGEON, Gen. STRONG, CONNAULDING and others expected.

Tickets may be had of any member of the Board of Officers, and at the Astor House.

J. H. WILSON, Secy.

The NEW-ENGLAND SOCIETY IN THE CITY OF NEW- YORK, with their guests and friends, will celebrate the Fifty-seventh Anniversary of the Society, and the Twelfth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Friends of the Poor, on MONDAY EVENING, Dec. 22, 1862, at 8 o'clock, in their Hall, corner Broadway and 45th-st., on MONDAY EVENING, Dec. 22, 1862, at 8 o'clock. which will be held at the Hall of the Astor House, on MONDAY, Dec. 22, 1862, at 8 o'clock.

Dr. LIGHTHILL can be consulted daily from 9 o'clock a. m. until 3 p. m., at his residence, No. 34 St. Mark's-place.

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Parties residing at a distance are hereby informed that a personal examination is requisite in every case before appropriate treatment can be instituted.

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TESTIMONIALS.

This may certify that, having been afflicted with deafness, I was induced to change my habitation, and having tried the ordinary medical and surgical aid, under the care of those esteemed as eminent practitioners, I was induced at last to put myself under the care of Dr. Lighthill. His treatment was brief and successful. I was completely restored, and the cure is apparently permanent. I have all confidence in Dr. Lighthill's skill and integrity in the diseases he makes specialities.

JAMES CRUICKSHANK, LL. D., Editor New-York Teacher.

Albany, Oct. 1, 1862.

Dr. Lighthill, after a week's treatment, has relieved me of my deafness, and has restored me to my natural condition, which previous to his treatment, I was compelled to wear a hearing apparatus, which was constantly painful.

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